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For: IMPROVED CONSTRUCTS FOR MARKER

EXCISION BASED ON DUAL-FUNCTION

SELECTION MARKER

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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.